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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

(INCLUDING FILING FEE AND/OR PETITION FOR  
EXTENSION OF TIME FEE)

*Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective May 29, 2000  
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.*

*See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)*

To: **Commissioner for Patents**  
**Box RCE**  
**PO Box 1450**  
**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Attorney Docket No.: 1614.1024

First Named  
Inventor

Yuji KUMAKURA

Application No.

09/488,019

Group Art Unit

2122

Filing Date

January 20, 2000

Examiner

Chuck O. Kendall

CPA Filing Date

Confirmation No

3839

Title of Invention

INFORMATION PROCESSOR, METHOD FOR PROCESSING  
INFORMATION AND COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM  
RECORDED WITH PROGRAM CODE FOR CONTROLLING A COMPUTER  
TO PROCESS INFORMATION

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

1.

Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (Box a or b must be completed)

a. ☒ Previously submitted

i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on April 26, 2004  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_

iii. ☐ Other

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)



iv. ☐ Other

2.

Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required).

b. ☐ Other

		BASIC FEE		\$	770.00
Since an Official Action set an <u>original</u> due date of <u>April 26, 2004</u> , petition is hereby made for an extension of time to cover the date this RCE is filed, for which the requisite fee is enclosed (2 months (\$420))					420.00
Suspension Fee (\$130.00)					
Total of above Calculations =				\$	1190.00
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 C.F.R. 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).					
TOTAL FEES DUE =				\$	1190.00
4. <input type="checkbox"/> Small entity status: a. <input type="checkbox"/> Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status. b. <input type="checkbox"/> A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status was previously filed and such status is still proper and desired. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is no longer claimed. 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:					
<b>6. METHOD OF PAYMENT</b>					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ <u>1190.00</u> is enclosed. <input type="checkbox"/> Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to Deposit Account No. 19-3935. (A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.)					
<b>7. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION</b>					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 C.F.R. 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application and of any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §120 to maintain pendency hereof and of any such related application to: <b>Deposit Account No. 19-3935.</b>					
<b>8. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS</b>					
STAAS & HALSEY LLP  21171 PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE					
<b>9. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED</b>					
NAME		Mehdi Sheikerz		REGISTRATION NO.	41,307
SIGNATURE				DATE	June 25, 2004



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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Yuji KUMAKURA

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Group Art Unit: 2122

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Filed: January 20, 2000

Examiner: Chuck O. Kendall

For: INFORMATION PROCESSOR, METHOD FOR PROCESSING INFORMATION AND  
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**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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A final Office Action was mailed on January 26, 2004 setting a period for response due on April 26, 2004. An After Final Amendment was filed on April 26, 2004. An Advisory Action was mailed on June 2, 2004 in response to the After Final Amendment filed April 26, 2004, in which the Examiner indicated by checking box 2(a) that the proposed after final claim amendments of April 26, 2004 will not be entered, because they raised new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. The Advisory Action of June 2, 2004 also included a Continuation Sheet, in which the Examiner noted "that the claims have been amended extensively without pairing and describing where it its being supported from in the specification as originally filed."

Therefore, this Response is in response to the Advisory Action of April 26, 2004, and, in particular, in response to the Examiner's comments in the Advisory Action Continuation Sheet concerning support in the specification for the after final claim amendments of April 26, 2004. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed concurrently herewith along with a Petition for a 2-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, thereby extending the period for response to June 26, 2004. This Response is timely filed by June 26, 2004.

Entry and consideration of the After Final Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 of April 26, 2004, and consideration of the remarks submitted herein in response to the Examiner's comments in the Advisory Action Continuation Sheet is respectfully requested.

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If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Response, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.